

Al-Maktab

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The Greatness of Allah Ta'ala

Allahu Akbar! *Allah Ta'ala is the Greatest.* These are the first words that a Muslim child hears after entering this world. This is the welcome message to this child as he or she enters this world. Thereafter five times a day, at the time of salaah, the same words **Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar** is heard wherever we are, reminding us of the greatness of Allah Ta'ala. Most definitely there is no power in the world equal to the power of the One Allah, who is the Greatest. Allah Ta'ala is the Creator of mankind. He created the earth, the sky, the sun, the moon and He sends down the rain whereby the fruits and crops grow becoming a means of sustenance for us.

Allah Ta'ala does not depend on anyone

Everything in the whole universe depends on Allah Ta'ala. He does not depend on anyone. If Allah Ta'ala is with us then we do not need to fear anyone and if Allah Ta'ala is displeased with us then all the so called "powers" of the world cannot be of any benefit to us. Once Rasulullah [sallallahu alayhi wasallam] advised Hadhrat Abdullah Ibn Abbaas (RA) saying that if the whole world has to get together and try to help you, they can only help to the amount that Allah Ta'ala wishes and if the entire world has to try and harm you, they can only harm you to the extent that Allah Ta'ala wishes.

Zikr of Allah

Allah Ta'ala has mentioned in the Holy Qur'aan, "The Zikr of Allah Ta'ala is the Greatest". One of the most effective ways of bringing the greatness of Allah Ta'ala into our hearts is by regularly making the zikr of Allah Ta'ala. Rasulullah [sallallahu alayhi wa sallam] once advised a Sahaabi saying, "Keep your tongue moist with the zikr of Allah Ta'ala." It is stated in another Hadith, that the proof of one's love for Allah Ta'ala lies in one's love for the zikr of Allah Ta'ala and in the same way lack of zikr is a sign of the lack of attachment to Allah Ta'ala. The more we engage in the zikr of Allah Ta'ala, the more the greatness of Allah Ta'ala will enter our hearts.

May Allah Ta'ala instil our hearts with His special love. *Aameen.*

Aayatul Kursi

Translation:

Allah! There is no God but He. The Living, The Eternal. Neither slumber nor sleep can overtake Him.

For Him belongs everything in the heavens and the earth. Who is there that can intercede by Him without His permission? He knows what is in front of them and what is behind them, while they understand nothing of His knowledge except what He wishes.

His throne encompasses the heavens and the earth, and He never tires of looking after them. He is The Most High, The Supreme.

Virtues of Aayatul Kursi

1. It is the greatest *aayah* of the Qur'aan
2. It is equal to quarter of the Holy Qur'aan (in reward for its recital)
3. Shaytaan runs away from the house in which aayatul kursi is recited.
4. If one recites it before sleeping, shaytaan will not go close to him / her throughout the night.
5. One who recites this verse after every salaah will enter Jannah immediately after he / she passes away.

Moulana Ilyas Ahmad Bayat Shaheed (RA)

Rasulullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) is reported to have said: "To Allah belongs what He has given, and to Him belongs what He has taken. Everything has an appointed time by Him. Therefore adopt patience and have hope for reward"

In the infinite wisdom of Allah Ta'ala, the appointed time for Moulana Ilyas Ahmad Bayat Shaheed (RA) was 16 Jumaadus Thaani 1428 / Friday 20 June 2008. At the appointed time, Allah Ta'ala crowned his short, pious life with the crown of Shahadat (martyrdom). He was martyred in his home in Isipingo Beach on the night of Friday at approximately 8:45 p.m. *Inna lillahi wa inna ilayhi raaji'oon*. May Allah Ta'ala make his *maghfirah* and grant him the loftiest position in Jannah. *Aameen*.

Studies

Moulana commenced his initial studies by his grandfather, Hajee Ismail Bayat Marhoom. Here he learnt the naazirah of the Qur'aan and obtained his basic maktab *ta'leem* as well. Thereafter he commenced his hifz by Moulana Shabeer Asmaal Sb (db) at Masjid-e-Noor (Mallinson Road) and completed it by Moulana Ahmad Chohan Sb (db) in Greytown. He then proceeded to Umzinto for one year where he did his dhor (revision of the Qur'aan) by Qari Ismail Desai Saheb (db).

After completing his *dhor*, he commenced the Aalim Faadhil course at Madrasah Taleemuddeen, Isipingo Beach. During his study years he was an exemplary student. He dedicated himself to his studies and was among the top students of his class. Upon graduation he studied *takhassus fil fiqh* for one year at the Madrasah under the auspices of the principal, Hadhrat Mufti Ebraaheem Salehjee Saheb (db). During this time he also completed the Qiraat e Sabah course at the Madrasah under Qari Dawood Randerah Sahib (db).

Khidmaat (Service)

In the first two years of his teaching career, Moulana taught several subjects to the Aalim course students at Madrasah Taleemuddeen. Thereafter due to the need of the time, he made a major sacrifice and dedicated himself full-time to the Ta'limi Board (Jamiatul Ulama KZN). In this time he assisted with admin duties and also taught Qur'an and Tajweed to students undertaking the Imaam Khatieb course at the Madrasah.

For four years Moulana supervised the makaatib in Umlazi and rendered an excellent service to the people of the area. Almost all the Muslims in Umlazi knew him and had a special place in their hearts for him. He also served the community of Chatsworth, Unit Two as well as supervised the maktab at Reservoir Hills. Every Tuesday Moulana conducted an adult class in Austerville. He was also on the Jamiat Jumuah roster through which he delivered lectures in the Masaajid around Durban.

Among his great contributions to the Ta'limi Board was his assistance to the publications department. The book "**Tasheelul Ahaadith wal Akhlaaq**" was largely compiled by Moulana himself. His last work was a book titled "Remedial Qaidah." It is a primer for pupils who have commenced reciting the Qur'aan but still have difficulty understanding some basic concepts. (This book will be printed soon, Insha Allah). He was also responsible for editing many other publications of the Ta'limi Board.

Noble Qualities

Moulana was an *aashiq* (lover) of the sunnah. He would always be seen with his *amaamah* (turban) on his head. On Fridays he was very punctual on reciting durood shareef a thousand times as well as in performing Salaatut Tasbeeh. He was also seen most of the time performing his salaah with takbeer-e-oola and in the first saff.

During his study days he dedicated himself with much zeal and vigour. He displayed extraordinary *adab* and respect for his *Asaatiza* (teachers) and eagerly sought opportunities to make their *khidmat* (serve them). Whenever there was an opportunity for *khidmat* in the Madrasah (to serve guests, help in the Jalsas, etc.) he keenly presented himself. By means of his excellent *akhlaaq* (character) he took the duas of his *Asaatiza* and seniors and won the love of all around him.

Moulana was always very humble, obliging and forever smiling. He was brave and courageous, in fact daring. Yet, he was very soft-hearted and had an extremely forgiving nature. Indeed, he was blessed with tremendous forbearance and patience. Anger was unknown to his nature. He kept *ta'lluq* (contact) and *muhabbat* (love) with everyone. There was a special love in his heart for the Ulama and he made a point of always visiting the senior Ulama e Kiraam and taking their duas.

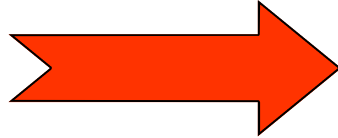
Conclusion

At the young age of 26 he finally bid farewell to this temporary abode and went ahead to meet his *Rabb*. Just as he was always seen smiling in his life, he also left smiling. A large gathering including numerous Ulama attended his funeral. His Janazah salaah was led by his Ustaad and Sheikh, Hadhrat Mufti Ebraaheem Salehjee Sahib (*daamat barakaatuhum*). He was finally laid to rest in the Dayal Road Cemetery in Clairwood. May Allah Ta'ala fill Moulana's *qabar* with noor and grant him the highest stages in Jannah. *Aameen*.

50 million duroods Report Back

Masha Allah! to one and all. How wonderful to see the large number of durood shareef recited by all the children and their families in the different Makaatib. May Allah Ta'ala accept this effort and make it a means of attaining His special mercy as well as the love of our beloved Rasul Sayyidina Muhammad [Sallallahu alayhi wasallam]. May He make it a means of us reciting durood shareef every day of our lives. Aameen.

Total number of Durood
Shareef recited



51 035 745

PARENTS COLUMN

Dear Parents

Assalaamu alaykum wa rahmatullahi wa barakaatuhu

As a parent the greatest gift we can present to our children is to instil the greatness of Allah Ta'ala into their little hearts. How wonderful it would be if our children could grow up with this sublime quality. Hadhrat Hakeemul Ummah (RA) had given the following words of advice. As far as possible we should keep on repeating this to our children.

“Every Muslim knows that neither can one attain any benefit nor can any harm befall anyone without the will of Allah Ta'ala. It is therefore necessary that a person does not rely on his own plans when undertaking any task. He should look up to Allah Ta'ala. He should also not expect anything from any person, nor should he fear anyone. He should understand well that no one can do anything without the will of Allah Ta'ala. This is known as *tawakkul* or placing one's trust in Allah Ta'ala. One should remember and ponder over the power and wisdom of Allah Ta'ala, and the powerlessness of the creation.”

The following are some ways and methods of instilling the greatness of Allah Ta'ala into our hearts:

- * *Making zikr of the first kalimah regularly at home.*
- * *Speaking regularly of the greatness of Allah Ta'ala. Keep on reminding ourselves that Allah Ta'ala has created us, the earth, the sky, the moon, Jannah, Jahannam, etc. and that everything is in the hands of Allah Ta'ala.*
- * *Regularly read to them stories of the Sahaabah (RA) who possessed the highest levels of Imaan and the greatness of Allah Ta'ala in their hearts.*

Was Salaam

Flash News

Ta'limi Board Website

Al-hamdulillah it is only with the *fadhla* of Allah Ta'ala that the Ta'limi Board has launched a website. This site can be viewed on www.talimiboardkzn.org/ All the necessary information regarding the maktab can be found on this site. Previous issues of the Al-Maktab could also be viewed on it. Winners of the quiz and projects will also be mentioned on the site, *Insha Allah*. Readers are requested to please forward suggestions to the Board for improvement. Also please make dua that Allah Ta'ala accepts it and makes it a means of attaining His pleasure. Aameen.

Maktab News

Word Search

Dear Children

Assalamu alaykum wa Rahmatullahi wa barakaatuhu.

With grace of Allah Ta'ala we have once again entered the month of **RAJAB**. This means that we all should commence our preparations for the month of Ramadhaan immediately. Let us also not forget to recite the dua taught to us by Rasulallah [salallahu alayhi wasallam] in the month of Rajab; [Allahumma baarik lanaa fi Rajaba wa Sha'baan wa ballighna Ramadhaan]. We will also be having our Practicals and Sunnats examinations at the end of this term. Come let us all prepare properly for this. May Allah Ta'ala accept our efforts and make it easy for all of us. *Aameen*.

Our last theme was on "The Importance of the Sunnah." With the *fadh* of Allah Ta'ala, we also managed to complete our target of 50 million duroods upon Rasulallah [salallahu alyhi wasalam] May Allah Ta'ala accept this little effort and reward us all abundantly. *Aameen*.

The names of the winners of the quiz are as follows:

	Name	Maktab	Grade
1.	Sumayya Lakhi	Bergville	2
2.	Muhammad Cassim	Newcastle	3
3.	Mishka Moosa	Arqaam (PMB)	4
4.	Hawa Bibi Safila	Newlands	5
5.	Amrin Mohamed	Atfaal — Kokstad	6

The winners for the best projects for each grade are as follows:

	Name	Maktab	Grade
1.	Muhammad Tickly	Vryheid	1
2.	Michaaeel Khan	Vryheid	2
3.	Zakiyya Desai	Richmond	3
4.	Faatima Asmall	Bergville	4
5.	Faatima Muhammaed	Eastview	5
6.	Nazira Hoosen	Eastview	6
7.	Radhia Muhammed	Eastview	7

Find the 10 beautiful names of Allah Ta'ala listed below and submit your entries.

The first 5 correct entries drawn will receive R50-00 cash.

A	L	J	A	B	B	A	A	R	Q	W	E
L	R	A	L	G	H	A	F	F	A	A	R
M	T	Y	A	I	A	I	P	A	L	L	N
U	V	A	R	T	L	E	S	L	X	X	Y
H	A	R	R	A	H	E	E	M	H	E	W
A	B	R	A	C	A	O	V	A	F	K	K
Y	I	A	Z	Z	A	D	G	A	K	U	V
M	L	H	Z	L	F	T	C	N	H	F	Q
I	P	M	A	T	I	G	S	I	E	Y	X
N	O	A	A	L	Z	Y	F	N	C	I	K
T	G	A	Q	A	Q	W	E	R	T	Y	U
O	J	N	L	K	F	C	S	U	G	V	D
A	L	F	A	T	T	A	A	H	N	B	V
C	F	W	Q	A	J	I	Y	H	G	R	E
D	C	M	L	P	O	I	U	Y	R	E	W
M	A	S	S	A	L	A	A	M	N	L	P
R	T	G	V	V	E	W	Q	I	U	O	P

1. AR RAHMAAN
2. AR RAHEEM
3. AL HAAFIZ
4. AL MAANI
5. AS SALAAM
6. AL MUHAYMIN
7. AL JABBAAR
8. AL GHAFFAAR
9. AR RAZZAAQ
10. AS SALAAM

This month's theme is "The Greatness of Allah Ta'ala".

- Do a project on;
1. The 99 names of Allah Ta'ala (Grades 1-3)
 2. The Greatness of Allah Ta'ala (Grades 4-7)
 3. The importance of zikr in the life of a Muslim. (Grades 4-7)

All entries must be handed in by 13 October 2008.

N.B. Please write your name, the name of your Madrasah, the area you live in and your grade on the cover of your project in big bold writing. Jazak Allah.